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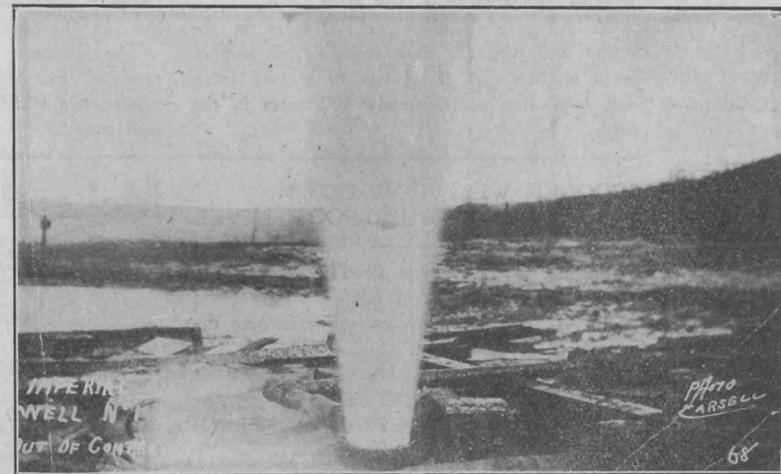
SECURE HOLDINGS FROM GRATTAN COULEE CO. — WILL DRILL DURING COMING SPRING

The "mystery well," drilled by the Imperial on Grattan Oil Co.'s holdings, just west of Fabyan, is likely to have its final story told during the coming spring and summer, for it is announced that the property has been disposed of and the well will be cleaned out and drilled to a greater depth.

There are few western wells that have supplied more "rumors" than has this hole, and, as is usually the

case with oil wells, there was a certain degree of "mystery" in connection with the work. As development progressed the secrecy was more marked and the Imperial gave out that the well was not a commercial one, and the government reports, to some degree, corroborate their expressed opinion.

Vancouver capitalists who have now acquired the property, have been interested through William Miller,



This picture was taken during one of the periods when the "mystery" was flowing. Many pictures have been taken of the well at different times when it has been loose and all show either quantities of gas or oil and mud forced out by the gas pressure.

case when oil wells are under discussion, they have ranged widely. That the old hole has a real kick behind it there is no doubt, for it has, on past occasions, put on a great "show" and it is considered by many to still have a lot of pressure behind it and also a considerable quantity of oil, though generally admitted to be of low grade.

In The Examiner's "Five Years Ago" references in this issue, there is mention made of this well and even

the Vancouver geologist, who will now have the opportunity of testing out his geological doctrines, which were formed after a careful investigation which he made of the field last year. He has persistently claimed that all the oil occurrences in western Canada have their source in the underlying paleozoics, and that the cretaceous over-burden is petrolierously sterile, and is no more than a troublesome blanket.

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**VANCOUVER CO. TO DEEPEN
FABYAN "MYSTERY" WELL.**

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He has persuaded a group of Vancouver capitalists to acquire the abandoned Imperial No. 1 well at Fabyan with 640 acres, in order to clean the well out and deepen it to 4000 or 5000 feet in an effort to reach the middle Devonian which is the source of such prolific production at Fort Norman, as well as in many of the eastern States.

The well originally reached a depth of 2800 feet, and encountered ten million feet of gas and a heavy oil similar to that produced close by at Wainwright. Work is to commence on or about May 1. The possibilities of striking a huge flow of high gravity oil are supported by opinions of many prominent geologists. Harry G. Morris, formerly of Edmonton, was instrumental in closing the deal between the Grattan Oil Co. Ltd. and the Vancouver interests.

The deal will be of great interest to the Grattan company and the easetholders who have been holding acreage in this area. They have been paying rentals for some time in the hope that development would take place, and now it looks as though they were to get their reward. California interests also have picked up acreage around the "mystery" site.

BIG CHIEF 4150 FEET

Drilling is proceeding steadily at the Big Chief well, which is now just below the 4150-foot level.

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Stockmen at Very Bottom of Calcareous

**JUDGING BY LOGS OF OTHER
WELLS—RECORD IN DRILLING**

Drilling at 3400 feet the Stockmen well is now at the bottom of the calcareous shales overlying the limestone capping above the big production level.

It is estimated that the lime should be struck anywhere between 3400 and 3440 feet. This conclusion has been reached by a number of geologists who have compared the Stockmen log with that of other wells in the Turner Valley, notably Royalite No. 4, Illinois-Alberta and McLeod No. 2. It all depends, of course, on whether the calcareous is the same thickness in the Stockmen as in the other wells.

No more gas is anticipated until the drill is in the lime. The absence of gas in the calcareous is considered a good indication, as it shows that the lime is unbroken and, therefore, forms a perfect seal for the oil and gas below.

I. Saunders, president of the company, told The Oil Examiner this morning that he expects that crude oil will be obtained.

There have been four gas strikes in the well.

J. M. Scruggs, head driller, and his brother, L. M. Scruggs, have done all the drilling right from the time the well has been spudded in and perhaps no well in the Turner Valley has had such remarkable drilling luck as the Stockmen. J. M. Scruggs has had considerable drilling experience in high pressure fields. In 1915 he completed Mid West No. 2 in the northern end of Turner Valley.

As a result of indications at the Stockmen a substantial cash offer for 1.s.d 7 and 8, 27-20-3-w5, adjoining the Stockmen well, has been made to Carl Olson, the owner of this 80 acres.

Advance Buys 320 Acres in Turner Valley

**TO DRILL ALMOST AT ONCE
SOUTHERN PART OF FIELD**

The Advance Oil Co., Ltd., has secured an additional 340 acres in the Turner Valley and is letting a contract for a well to be spudded in in the southern part of the field by March 1. The deal for the acreage, which is in several blocks, has been closed and details will be available in a few days.

The Advance already owns 120 acres in the valley and with the new acreage and another lease or two that it expects to acquire later, will soon own approximately 400 acres in the field.

The drilling contract will be arranged in a few days.

The Advance was one of the pioneers in oil development in the southern part of the Turner Valley and last summer sold 40 acres on which were situated Nos. 1 and 2 wells, which were partially completed, to the Home Oil Co., Ltd., for \$25,000 cash and 50,000 shares.

The Advance well on the Ribstone is at a depth of over 500 feet. Drilling has been suspended temporarily until the end of the present cold snap.

**McLeod No. 2 Below
Level of Large
Gas Flow.**

**SPOONER WELL NOW DOWN
TO 1260-FOOT LEVEL**

Drilling is proceeding steadily at Spooner No. 1 well, at a depth of 1260 feet, according to A. G. Spooner, president and managing director of the company.

The output at the Vulcan is continuing at about the same rate of 140 barrels per day of casinghead gasoline testing 72 degrees beaume.

**T. H. DRAPER RETURNS
FROM EASTERN TRIP**

T. H. Draper, vice-president and managing director of the Royalite Oil Co., Ltd., returned from Toronto this week, where he conferred with Imperial officials on the company's western program. He spent several weeks in the east.

**DEMAND THAT ALL SOURCES
OF POWER BE PROBED**

A resolution against proceeding with the Spray Lakes hydro power project until a full investigation of gas, coal and water power resources and costs of development of each has been made, was passed by the closing session of the U. F. A. convention in Edmonton last night.

Drilling is proceeding at McLeod No. 2 well under great difficulties on account of the rapidity with which ice forms at the bottom of the hole. On Friday evening the depth of the well was 3786 feet, whereas the depth of the well at the time it first came in was reported as 3772 feet. Therefore it is possible that there was some mistake in the measurement of the well before the first bit was lost. It is not known whether the tools that have been cemented off were on the bottom or not. They may have been several feet up in the hole.

It may only be a matter of days before the big gas flow, estimated at over 17,000,000 cubic feet, is regained. On account of the hard formation only two feet of new hole were drilled in 24 hours up to yesterday afternoon.

Calcium chloride was tried without success to combat freezing. Almost as soon as it reached the bottom it froze into crystals and was useless.

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BRITISH CAPITAL NEEDED

Of all the big outside companies which are contemplating entering the western oil fields there are not more than two British concerns, and none of these latter have progressed very far towards securing oil lands.

Imperialists who view with alarm the Americanization of Canadian industries can find an example of this tendency in the financing of oil development. The greatest boosters for the western oil industry, that we have ever met, are Americans who have invested in oil companies here—men who know an oil field when they see it.

However there are indications that British capital is becoming more and more interested in Canadian oil. The London Oil News has given considerable space lately to developments in Alberta and Saskatchewan. In a recent editorial it stated:

"For some years past we have devoted considerable attention to Alberta oil possibilities, which now have merged into real development. Present results and present activity now warrant all the space we have allotted to news from this part of the empire and all the favorable comments we have often made."

E.H.Cunningham Craig, noted British geologist, and internationally known authority on oil geology, has reported very favorably on several Alberta structures. The report of a recent interview with Mr. Craig in the mining supplement of "Canada" reads in part:

"Asked whether he thought the time was ripe for interesting British capital, Mr. Craig replied that in a few years from now the American oil supply would no longer be able to meet the demand, that the world might be faced with a serious shortage, and that now was the time to get hold of oil lands in any part of the world. He would like to set British money going to Alberta—it would be a good thing for Canada—and indications were that by the careful selection of drilling locations, it should prove a most profitable move on the part of British operating concerns."

The Marquis of Anglesey has led the

way for British investors with his drilling program on the DeWinton structure, which will commence this spring. He has filed extensively on a structure that was geologized by Prof. J. A. Allan in 1914.

The risks in the oil business are only of the kind that should appeal to the sporting British spirit. If old country investors select conservatively organized companies and seek the advice of their own experts who know the western oil fields, they are assured of a good run for their money.

Capital is needed now to develop new structures. Once producers are found in these fields outside capital is not essential.

RIBSTONE IS NEAR FIRST GAS SAND

With the thermometer ranging from 48 to 51 below zero, the drillers at the Ribstone Oils' well, which W. D. Lundy is putting down by contract, are working away steadily, carrying the 12 1-2-inch casing down. They intend to take this as far as the top of the first gas sands, which should be reached in another week or so. The Imperial got a big flow of gas around 1350 feet.

LOST TOOLS FALL INTO NEW HOLE AT GT. WEST

Drillers at Great West No. 1 well have succeeded in drilling past the lost bit for 15 feet. This allowed the lost string of tools to drop into the new hole. No difficulty is anticipated in fishing them out from their present position.

URBAN DRILLING AGAIN

The crew at the Urban well near Coutts are drilling through the cement in which the casing was set in the limestone and are now within 100 feet of the bottom of the hole. The casing was set some distance off bottom.

NEW McDougall-SEGUR

The crew at the New McDougall-Segur well have released the bit which was stuck in the hole at 1000 feet and are running the 10-inch casing back in. The well is down 2397 feet.

MAY STRIKE OLD

FEDERAL OFF LIST

E. G. Pescod, K.C., has received notice that the Federal Oil and Gas Corporation Ltd. may be struck off the register of joint stock companies at Edmonton. Shareholders of the old company, for whom Mr. Pescod acted as solicitor, recently formed New Federal Oils Ltd., the new certificates now being available to shareholders who have registered.

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Oil Producers May Drill Two Wells in Spring

START IN TURNER VALLEY AFTER WELL IN GLEICHEN

Two wells may be drilled at the same time this summer by the Oil Producers Corporation of Canada, one on the Gleichen structure and the other in the north end of the Turner Valley, according to A. J. McLay, vice president and managing director of the company, who was in Calgary this week.

The company expects to start work at Gleichen the early part of next month. The citizens of the Gleichen district are subscribing generously to the financing of the local project. The company has 1140 acres on structure where it is estimated that production should be reached from 2500 to 2700 feet.

The Oil Producers have purchased two legal sub-divisions in the north end of the Turner Valley, namely 8, in 20-20-3-w5 and 10, 32-21-3-w5 and

has an option on additional acreage.

The company owns two drilling outfits which are working on contract wells in the Kevin-Sunburst field in Montana, where it has two producing wells and 880 acres of leases. Its Ribstone holdings consist of 240 acres of select leases.

Malcolm McLay, brother of A. J. McLay, and a director of the company, will be supervisor of operations in Alberta this summer.

Charles Mills, treasurer of the company, was also in town this week.

W. J. Voisey and F. J. Dunn are selling stock for the company at Strathmore.

While in the city Mr. McLay, accompanied by Charles A. Carson, of the Alberta Oil Brokers, made a trip to Gleichen for organization purposes.

Ready to Finish Moose Mountain Tests

PIONEER WELL HAD VERY PROMISING INDICATIONS

Drilling operations will be resumed by the two companies which have partially completed wells in the Moose Mountain field almost immediately, according to present indications.

The Signal Hill No. 2 well has been closed down for several months, during which a reorganization of the company has taken place. The company is now in a position financially to continue operations on No. 2 well at a depth of 674 feet. Signal Hill No. 1 was abandoned last spring on account of casing troubles. With ordinary luck several months drilling should suffice to drill No. 2 down to the estimated production level at 3200 feet in the limestone. The company has one of the best available standard cable tool outfits in the field.

Before the spring break-up the company will have all the necessary coal on the ground, while the equipment on the site is practically intact.

The new board of directors of the Cherokee Oil & Refining Co., Ltd. have made all arrangements for resuming drilling with the diamond outfit from a depth of 1894 feet, just as soon as an experienced diamond driller can be obtained. Early developments may be expected by the Cherokee as it was estimated by Julius Rickert, geologist for the company, that the first production level in the Dakotas should be struck between 1800 and 2200 feet. The delay in drilling at the Cherokee was caused by lack of finances, but the company is

now in a position to continue. There were good showings of oil in the cores taken from the Cherokee.

The next company which will start drilling in the field will likely be the Elbow Oil Co., Ltd., which owns 1000 acres of leases in the field, which were selected by Prof. J. A. Allan, head of the department of geology at the University of Alberta. The Elbow has sent Ian McConnell-Wood as its representative to complete financing in the old country.

In the Moose Mountain No. 1 well, partially completed in 1914, a flow of oil was struck around 1650 feet, which was estimated at 10 to 25 barrels per day. Another flow was encountered at 2440 feet. With 165 feet of oil in the hole bailing was carried on for half a day; it has been estimated by some that the well was capable of a daily production of 200 barrels. The crude obtained was a very high grade, testing from 48 to 54 degrees Be.

However, misfortune dogged the footsteps of the pioneer company and after a string of drilling tools and two sets of fishing tools had been lost in the well it was decided to abandon the hole.

The field is a favorite with geologists E. H. Cunningham Craig, noted British expert, who did considerable investigation work in the district before the war, strongly recommended that the structure should be tested.

Canada Southern 2 Location South of McLeod 2

Canada Southern No. 2 will be spudded in next spring according to the plans of the owners of the company, which is a closed corporation. It will form an offset to McLeod No. 2 and will be situated in the south half of the same legal sub-division, namely 16, 1-20-3-w5.

Canadian Southern No. 1, one of the pioneer producers in the Turner Valley, was pumped for a considerable time from 2436 feet, in the Dakotas, producing around 15 barrels per day. In the autumn its owners undertook to deepen it but shut down temporarily at a depth of 2605 feet on account of the cold weather.

Julian Plans Heavy Investments in Manitoba

Manitoba Free Press: Courtney C. Julian, millionaire oil operator of California, a former Winnipeg resident, spent two days this week in Winnipeg, returning from New York to his home in Los Angeles.

Mr. Julian, having got his oil corporation running smoothly in the south, has extended his investments to mining, and now successfully operates mines in Idaho, Utah, Arizona, Nevada and two on Vancouver Island, B. C.

While in New York with associates the past month, he successfully negotiated the sale of one of the mines in Nevada to a New York syndicate for \$860,000, and he is now on his way to Vancouver island where he will invest some of this return to Canadian mines. Mr. Julian intends to return to Winnipeg later on this year and investigate the northern Manitoba mining possibilities, he stated.

Mr. Julian was raised on a farm near Morris, Man., and while still a youth came into Winnipeg to work. He was with the Free Press circulation department for a time and then went into the clothing business. Eight years ago he left Winnipeg for Texas and after studying the oil field there for a while, he went on to Los Angeles and securing \$10,000 entered actively into the oil business and was fortunate in striking one of the biggest gushers in that state. He had to fight the Standard oil company and as an independent operator he received the

support of thousands of shareholders in Los Angeles. He formed a \$10,000,000 corporation and pumped oil to the Pacific coast where he built a refinery, and also 150 filling stations in Los Angeles, and in spite of most intense opposition he succeeded in winning a strong financial position in California, a commission of judges after examining into his corporation and its methods, giving him an "O.K."

There was a strong move to run Mr. Julian as governor of California the past year, but he declined the honor. So great was his faith in one of his mines in Nevada, that he organized a party of Los Angeles citizens to visit it. He engaged four trains of sleepers on which the party went to the scene of operations and after spending a day at the mine returned home all at Mr. Julian's expense.

RESPONSIBILITY OF BROKERAGE FIRMS

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Turner Valley Source of Most of Gas Used Here

Practically all the gas used by the consumers of the lines of the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat & Power Co., Ltd., during 1926 was supplied by Turner Valley wells. Out of a total of 2,986,730,000 cubic feet, this field furnished 2,331,107,000 cubic feet. The consumption in Calgary amounted to 2,444,397,000 cubic feet. The total for 1924 on the whole system was 2,047,257,000 cubic feet and for 1925 it was 2,092,536,000.

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All eyes are now towards the McLeod and the Stockmen. One of these two should furnish us with the next food for thought.

Owen Jennings has gone south with the birds and will do the tourist stunt around Miami, Florida, for the next couple of months. He sure deserves a change.

George Crooks will be the man behind the gun for the Illinois in the absence of Owen Jennings.

Okalta is still plugging away with their fishing job. Driller Cowles is doing the work and expects to overcome their difficulty most any day now.

Spooner 1 is going after it as though they are trying to make the Cooper-Nanton record and Great West drilling look slow. Well, any

crew who can make 3000 feet, as did the Cooper-Nanton outfit, in three weeks' time, deserves a medal. And a straight hole at that!

The rumor that Frank Skelhorne is going to "pour tea" at the Monday afternoon meetings of the Signal Hill directors lacks confirmation. However there is a likelihood that their well will be pouring oil shortly after they get drilling again, so that will be enough.

John Hazza has been boasting the "Better 'Ole" at the Capital this week. Wonder what oil company he's plugging for? It sounds like the preliminary to a stock selling campaign.

Turner Valley needn't be so puffed up—they are having trouble with gas in the Interior well in Wainwright field too.

John Drader says this cold northern climate affects his health. He's used to the salubrious southern climate around the Aldersyde dome.

Jack Lodge of Cooper-Nanton, says "it's a long Lane that has no ashcan." Jack Sparrow was told the other day that two boys played a lovely duet at the show the other night. Jack said "what kind of an instrument is that?"

It would be fine if the geologists would be able to agree on the way the formations run on that west side.

The Gold Coin in the Morley is doing its stuff these days, under Jack Norman. They were 800 feet the other day and still in the Bentons. They expect Dakota about 1300 or better.

Bob Kerr said it is not the Eau Claire Lumber who are planning to drill up the Ghost River section this summer.

Fred Partridge will get back into the brokers' game again now that he is no longer connected with selling cars.

W. G. Wasmendorf, secretary of the Alert, is back in town from Vancouver and is doing his stuff in his office. He is arranging to ship another outfit from New Westminster, B. C., to Wainwright, where the Alert will drill in the spring at the same time they start work in the Turner Valley.

The McLeod has gotten back its flow many times during the past month according to the rumor hounds, but Bill McLeod or Roy Widney are usually the last people to know anything about it.

It costs money to get the big certificates made into little ones and many are now finding that it also costs to get the little ones made into big ones.

You will notice that The Exam. is carrying advertising for the Diamond Drill Carbon Co., of New York. Their black diamonds must be good ones or they would not use this publicity medium.

Ian McConnell-Wood was given a real send off on his trip to the old country in the interests of the Elbow Oil Co., Ltd., being enter-

tained at a dinner by the directors of the company. Those present included L. A. Snyder and J. T. Scott, members of the Elbow board, Major P. A. Beveridge and R. Britnell.

Goff W. Hewelcke, of Edmonton, formerly oil scribe on the Albertan, was in town last week end to attend an important meeting of the directors of the Caledonia.

The difficulty to get the diamond drill properly working at the Dalhousie No. 1 is nothing to worry about. A few more days and the drill will be doing the work expected of it.

Stockmen drillers are no tenderfeet. They have made great time.

When you invite A. L. Stevens to your bridge party, make sure that he knows where to go on the invitation or you might be held up.

Driller Benneton and his side kicker Nelson, spent a few days in town during the week, waiting for the cement job to dry at the Home.

The Calmont boys did not wait for the cement to dry before they went on with their work.

One life insurance man is very enthusiastic over Signal Hill prospects. He has an agreement to write \$15,000 worth of life insurance on

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an agreement of the stock being worth \$2 per share before July 1. He says he is sure going to write that insurance.

"Let George do it!" That's what they are saying around Catalina these days.

Seneca is still held up. We learn it is frozen water pipes which is causing the delay in further drilling.

And Grant Jennings had the misfortune of seeing another fire the other day. Grant will soon be in line for Cappy Smart's job.

JUDGING LETTERS IN MID-VALLEY CONTEST

After a long and difficult task, the three judges, John H. Hanna, secretary of the Board of Trade; Everett Marshall, of The Oil Examiner, and Wm. E. Robinson, B.A., Sc., C.E., have completed the awarding of prizes in connection with the letter writing competition featured by the Mid-Valley Oil Co., Ltd., some months ago. The competitors were asked to write a letter to a real or imaginary friend in eastern Canada answering the enquiry, "Why should I invest in Alberta oil development at this time?" Forty-four prizes in shares of the Mid-Valley company were offered and the winners of these are announced elsewhere in The Examiner today.

"This competition" states Mr. O'Reilly general manager of the company, "was intended to cause a closer study of the facts surrounding oil developments in this province by the people of this city and province, and as well, to give our executive some first hand data on the real attitude of Albertans towards this, their own particular development.

"If the several hundred letters submitted in our competition from throughout the province are to be taken as expressing the sentiments of Albertans generally," said Mr. O'Reilly, "then I would say that the citizens of the province have at the outset an entirely wrong slant on the advisability of investment in Alberta oil. A surprising majority lost out in the competition simply because they featured the chance, as they saw it, to buy oil shares at a low price one week and sell out at a higher price a few weeks later.

"It is obvious that such advice would not encourage serious investment, but merely a gambler's flurry. Serious eastern investors," concluded Mr. O'Reilly, "will place plenty of money with reputable oil operators here when they are convincingly assured that we have a proposition which, when properly developed, will probably pay them big dividends on their money. The ups and downs on the Calgary Stock Exchange have nothing whatsoever to do with the fundamental possibilities for great profits from Alberta's oil development."

Calder Reports on Grandview Well

MANITOBA IS EXCITED OVER CHARGES 'SALTING' WILDCAT

The report of William Calder, federal petroleum and natural gas inspector, on his investigation of the Grandview well, has been forwarded to the department of the interior at Ottawa, and may be released for publication today or early next week.

The secrecy surrounding the case is regarded in oil circles as an indication that the facts to be brought out will be quite different from the early reports from the well. Oil men consider it strange that there should be a plug in the well at 400 feet when the reported flow was from below that depth, and are looking to the provincial and federal governments to get to the bottom of the matter by having the plug drilled through and a thorough test made. A complete analysis of the oil taken from the well is being secured. Some of the oil sent to the University of Manitoba was found to be 42 degrees beaume.

GRANDVIEW, Man. — Manitoba is all wrought up over developments at the Grandview well, drilled by W. T. Ross, which was reported to have struck production estimated at 35 barrels per day, several weeks ago.

Rumors that the well has been "salted" have been rife, but so far these have not been traced to their source nor has any evidence of this leaked out. William Calder, federal petroleum and natural gas inspector, along with D. L. McLean, representing the provincial government, and Inspector Cunningham of the provincial police department, conducted an investigation last week. Mr. Calder would give out no information, stating that he would only communicate his findings to C. C. Ross, supervisory engineer of the department of the interior at Calgary.

Dominion and provincial men were accompanied by Inspector Cunningham and Constable Miller of the provincial police in their investigation. Messrs. Calder and McLean, with the two police officers, examined Ross and Jim Bennett, his chief driller, *in camera*.

J. Lucas, of Winnipeg, representing the Hudson's Bay-Marland Oil Co., as geological expert, was one of the interested observers, and the province of Saskatchewan sent J. H. Webster, engineer, to follow the investigation. Much importance seemed to be attached to the fact that the well had been capped and a cement plug, 14 feet long, put in at the 400 foot level.

Ross, in his explanation, said that the casing collapsed at the level and the bit and 400 feet

of cable fell in. To stop the flow of water a cap or cement plug was used and a similar cap at the top. In his examination Ross said that he had purchased seven barrels of fuel oil. They were bought from the Western Oil Co., at Winnipeg and brought to Grandview by rail. He said he had shipped seven barrels of oil to Winnipeg to be used in sharpening tools and had taken from the well from 50 to 100 barrels which had been dumped on the ground in the course of operations.

Asked what he knew of the reports that the oil taken out of the well had been poured in there as a stock marketing proposition, Ross said he knew nothing, but had sought in every way to ascertain how the rumor had been started. He denied the imputation of fraud, and stated he had spent \$25,000 of his own money in the enterprise and owned 9000 acres under lease adjacent to the well. He had not attempted to sell any stock, but a company had been formed under a Dominion charter, of which M. B. Appleton, of Yorkton, is president; himself general manager and R. C. Spice of Yorkton, secretary-treasurer.

The freight records at this station show that seven barrels were consigned to Ross from Winnipeg and lay on the platform at Grandview several days before they were removed to the well. There were several other stations from 12 to 20 miles around Grandview from which oil might have been brought in without records here disclosing the fact, or some might have come in by auto truck, but no report of such a thing has been heard here.

Varley Moving Quash Signal Hill Case Commitments

J. E. Varley is making a motion before Mr. Justice Boyle, presiding judge at the criminal court sessions on Thursday morning, to quash the commitment of J. O. Jones, T. J. Henderson and C. A. Wright on a charge of conspiring to defraud the Signal Hill Oil Co. Ltd., out of 75,000 shares, on the ground of no evidence as well as on other grounds.

Mr. Varley was defence counsel for the trio at their preliminary hearing before Magistrate Saunders last week.

NEW BLACK DIAMOND MEETING

The annual meeting of the New Black Diamond Oil Co., Ltd. will be held at Hood & Irvine's Hall, at 10:30 a.m. on Monday.

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Morning Sales

Advance—4 10s@40; 25@40; 10@42 1/2.
Alta. Pacific Con.—5 50s@24; 6 25s@24; 25@24; 25@24; 2 10s@24; 4 5s@24; 4 10s@25; 4 25s@25; 20@25; 10 10s@25; 10 10s@25; 2 50s@24.

Black Diamond—100@32 1/2; 2 100s@32 1/2; 8 25s@32 1/2.

British Dominion—50@48.

Cherokee—5 10s@19.

Cooper-Nanton—10 10s@36; 2 50s@35.

Dalhousie—100@2.45; 2 50s@2.45; 100@2.40; 10@2.50; 3 10s@2.45; 10@2.45; 5@2.50; 100@2.50; 6 5s@2.45; 3 5s@2.45; 3 10s@2.40; 30@2.40; 10@2.40; 5@2.45.

Illinois-Alberta—5 10s@85; 10@85; 5@85; 100@83; 10@83; 25@83; 5 10s@83; 10@83; 3 10s@84; 2 5s@85.

McDougall-Segur Exp.—10@1.50.

McDougall-Segur (new)—5 5s@1.25; 25@1.20; 50@1.20.

McLeod—10 5s@4.25; 5@4.25; 3 5s@4.25; 5@4.25; 4 1s@4.40; 4 5s@4.25; 3 1s@4.40; 10@4.20; 21 2s@4.30; 3@4.30; 2 5s@4.25; 10@4.20; 4 5s@4.25; 86@4.45; 5@4.25; 10 5s@4.25; 10@4.20; 10 5s@4.25; 1@4.40; 2@4.35.

Mid-West—100@55; 2 10s@60; 10@60.

Mill City—2 10s@48; 50@45.

Moose Mountain—5@30; 3 10s@30; 2 5s@30.

Royalite (new)—2 1s@32.00.

Turner Valley—50@47; 50@47.

United Oils—25@1.27 1/2; 15@1.27 1/2; 10@1.30; 2 10s@1.30; 2 25s@1.27 1/2; 5@1.32 1/2; 5@1.32 1/2; 3 10s@1.30; 3 10s@1.30.

Vulcan—3 10s@3.85; 3 10s@3.80; 10@3.80; 5 1s@3.95.

Afternoon Sales

Advance—10 20s@50; 25@50; 5 20s@50; 5 20s@51; 40 25s@56f.

Alta. Pacific Con.—100@25; 50@27; 20 5s@26.

British Dominion—3 5s@50.

Cherokee—4 25s@20.

Cooper-Nanton—25@35; 25@35; 50@35.

Dalhousie—6 10s@2.40; 10@2.40; 4 10s@2.35; 10@2.40; 20 10s@2.45f; 2 5s@2.40; 2 5s@2.40; 2 5s@2.40; 5@2.40; 15@2.35; 8 10s@2.40.

Illinois-Alberta—11 10s@84; 2 10s@83; 3 10s@83; 2 10s@83; 2 10s@83; 5 10s@83; 2 10s@83; 3 10s@82; 25@82; 10@83.

McDougall-Segur (new)—50@1.20; 3 25s@1.20.

McLeod—4 10s@4.25; 2 10s@4.25; 5@4.30; 1@4.40; 5@4.30; 2 5s@4.30; 3 10s@4.25; 2 5s@4.30; 2 5s@4.30; 4 2s@4.35.

United Oils—2 25s@1.30.

Vulcan—3 5s@3.85; 2 25s@3.75; 5@3.80; 4 1s@3.90; 2 10s@3.75.

Answers

O. B. & S. Co., Ottawa: Union Pacific Oil & Gas Co. is defunct and shares of no apparent value.

J. R. Aneriod, Sask.: Alberta Petroleum Consolidated shares are of some value, though not traded in; committees are slowly working out some plan for carrying on the company; British Canadian, Union Pacific and Big Four are defunct and shares no apparent value.

IS OUR WESTERN FIELD WORLD'S GREATEST?

"Is western Canada the world's next great oil field?" is the opening query of an article by Geo. A. Barclay, which appears in Agricultural and Industrial Progress in Canada, a C.P.R. publication, edited by Norman Rankin, former Albertan. The article covers development in the various Alberta fields and sets actual conditions before the reader in a way which is very convincing and satisfactorily leads the way to a favorable reply to the opening inquiry.

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Ainsworth Gets 2920 Acres on Verdegris Coulee--Drill in Spring

MAY PUT DOWN TWO OR THREE WELLS--PLAN
EXTENSIVE DEVELOPMENT--HAS 6120 ACRES

Ainsworth Oils Ltd. has secured 2920 acres which were recently filed in Verdegris Coulee, in township 4, range 16, west of the 4th meridian, four miles east of Warner and adjoining land which has been filed on by the Canadian Western Natural Gas, Light, Heat and Power Co. Ltd, and is a portion of the large acreage filed on by O. G. Devenish, which was turned in to Devenish Petroleums and its subsidiaries.

The Ainsworth will drill one, and possibly two or three wells on the structure this summer. The company intends to spud in its first well about May 1 after core drilling at a number of points on the acreage. The diamond outfits will be put to work just as soon as the weather permits. These shallow tests will be sunk to the first definite marker before making a location. For this purpose it may not be necessary to go deeper than 400 feet.

The new acreage was secured from Devenish Petroleums and has been favorably reported on by Prof. J. A. Allan, head of the department of geology at the University of Alberta. It is estimated that the Sunburst sand in which production should be struck, will be reached around 3000 feet.

According to the report of Dr. Allan, the formations in this area are as follows: Pakowki shales, 260 feet thick and exposed on the surface; Milk River sandstone, 200 feet; Colorado shales, 1770 feet; Dakota-Kootenay formation, 750 feet; Sunburst sand, and limestone.

The Turner Valley acreage of the Ainsworth will not be drilled on until the two nearest wells have been completed. The Ainsworth has ten acres in l.s.d. 1, 20-19-2-w5, south of Home No. 1 and the south half of l.s.d.'s 7 and 8, 9-19-2-w5, north of the Dutch-America (Record), well, which is being cleaned out.

The total Ainsworth holdings amount to 6120 acres, including the 2920 acres in 4-16-w4. It holds 3200 acres in 3-15-w4, in the Milk River area, and 591 acres distributed between the Turner Valley, Ribstone, Rickert, Highwood, and Morley fields. Its Ribstone leases cover 160 acres. The company intends to increase its present leases. In the new deal 5000 acres were checkerboarded, giving the Ainsworth 2500 acres, while it also has 420 acres for a drilling site.

The company hopes to bring in crude production and with this in view has planned an extensive drilling campaign for this year. Further plans of the Ainsworth

will be announced through The Western Oil Examiner. The Ainsworth, which is being financed largely in the east, has an authorized capitalization of \$1,000,000, with shares at \$1 par. A block of stock is being put on the market locally. The temporary office of the company is at 8 Mackie Block.

The gas company's filings covered 8,000 acres in townships 2-17-w4, 2-18-w4 and 4-16-w4. It has been reported that this acreage in the Milk River area is involved in negotiations now under way between the gas company and the Union Oil Co., of California, and that it may be drilled under a similar arrangement as exists between the gas company and Imperial Oil Ltd.

Last autumn, S. E. Slipper, geologist for the gas company, spent some time in the Milk River district making surveys and core drill tests. That his findings were very encouraging may be presumed from the recent heavy filings. It is on this dome that Senator Michener filed for American capital, said to be the Doheny interests. Dr. M. Y. Williams, of the University of British Columbia, has done extensive work in the district for the Dominion geological survey.

One of the outstanding features of the development which is now being extensively planned in this particular section is that it was not on professional geological information that the first steps were taken. O. G. Devenish, who has had his geological training in a practical way, and does not make claims to be an expert, was the man who really "started something" when he made his big filing in the southeast last fall. He became familiar with the field in a general way when the United was doing its drilling there some years ago and later, during his activities in the developing fields in the southern and southwestern States, he had a theory which was germinating in regard to prairie structures. Facts are always facts in oil geology and proofs which were demonstrated by the drilling operations in other fields, confirmed his opinions regarding the southwestern portion of Alberta.

He came back, looked the situation over again, and decided to take a chance. The result was the filing of the large acreage which is now held by the Devenish Petroleums, Verdegris Coulee, Legend and King's Lake oil companies.

Apparently he made his move just in time for there were others who had favorably considered the new area and the professional geological opinions which have

since been secured, confirm the theories of the layman. The selection of the Verdegris Coulee company's acreage as one of the drilling sites for the Ainsworth is another and one of the strongest confirmations of the careful deductions which Mr. Devenish made.

WON MID-VALLEY STOCK FOR WRITING LETTERS

Following is a complete list of winners of prizes in the letter writing contest conducted by the Mid-Valley Oil Co., Ltd. last summer. The winning article appears in this issue of The Oil Examiner and others will follow in subsequent issues:

First prize, 1000 shares: Alex Higgins, mechanical engineer, 822 7th Ave. West, Calgary.

Second prize, 500 shares: J. R. K. Main, government liquor vendor, Pincher Creek, Alta.

Third prize, 250 shares: Clarence W. Neale, accountant, 10426 98th St., Edmonton.

Fourth prize, 100 shares: Horace J. Reeves, grain buyer, Crossfield, Alta.

Fifty shares each to the following: Mrs. Wm. Burry, farming, Box 88, Lanigan, Sask.; Jas. McInall, student, 2012 1st Ave. N.W., Calgary; Thos. Childs, veterinarian, 11513 84th St., Edmonton; Miss Mable Neve, school teacher, 4323 16th St. West, Calgary; Mrs. Lucy Durwin, school teacher, 126 13th Ave. N.W., Calgary; Fred G. Bushell, letter carrier, 1612 3rd St. N.W., Calgary; Adrian C. Thrupp, forester, Box 208, Kamloops, B.C.; Wm. W. Overend, C.P.R. agent, Okotoks, Alta.; K. J. Hamilton, C.P.R. porter, 101 7th St. N.E., Calgary; Forrest Cool, Farmer, Champion, Alta..

Twenty-five shares each to the following: J. Fred Watkin, school teacher, Olds, Alta.; Mrs. Annie F. Wolley-Dod 616 30th Ave West, Calgary; A. G. Easton, wire chief, C.P.R., Fort William, Ont.; Douglas Norton, school teacher, 1709 21st Ave W., Calgary; T. J. A. Walkeden, salesman, 1528 11th Ave. W., Calgary; Joseph E. Batten, grocer, 1703 27th Ave. S.W., Calgary; Mrs. Marian F. Muncaster, Box 202, Blairmore, Alta.; Arthur R. Willis, student, 3110 Parkdale Blvd., Calgary; John H. Turner, engineer, 323 16th St. N., Lethbridge, Alta.; Robt. J. Priestley, clerk, 727 7th Ave. West, Calgary; Harry A. Billingham, lineman, 10 Seven

Oaks Court, Calgary; Joseph Breton, tailor, 941 Commercial Drive, Vancouver B. C.; W. St. J. Miller, engineer, 3003 17th St. S.W., Calgary; A. Du. Perrier, manufacturer, 119, 22nd Ave. N.E., Calgary; Miss Emmie Dyson, 1507 25th Ave. S.W., Calgary; W. H. Carmichael C.P.R. agent, Carstairs, Alta.; Mrs. Ida C. Tupper, Wayne, Alta.; C. E. Lepard, school teacher, 1111 13th Ave. West, Calgary; O. A. Lindseth, mechanic, 2123 15th St. S.W., Calgary; Fred G. Pring, machinist, Hanna P.O., Alta.

Fifteen shares each to the following: W. R. Bennett, salesman, 2307 14th St. West, Calgary; William Cameron, farmer, Box 443, Innisfail, Alta.; Fred M. Rogers, gentleman, Innisfail, Alta.; H. W. Devitt, salesman, 209 Hart Blk., Edmonton, Alta.; Hubert B. Love, school teacher, 509 18th Ave. West, Calgary; Douglas N. Jamieson, chiropractor, Revelstoke, B.C.; Ethan C. Payne, salesman, Drumheller, Alta.; Mrs. Mary K. Cox, forest clerk, Box 340, Kamloops, B.C.; Mrs. Robert H. Ness, 514 7A St. N.E., Calgary; Mrs. H. M. Atkinson, No. C, Victoria Court, Regina, Sask.

Oil Greatest Source of Livelihood to Workers

Commenting on the fact that there are 780,000 Americans who make their living from oil, the firm of Harold Ralph & Associates of Vancouver, says that the industry constitutes the greatest source of livelihood to American workers.

More than 780,000 persons are employed to produce, refine and market petroleum and its products in the United States. This means that more than 3,500,000 people, including oil workers and their families are dependent on petroleum for a living.

"Whole cities have been founded on gasoline," says a bulletin of the American Research Foundation. "One of the most notable examples of a city built on oil is Tulsa, Okla., which rose through the development by Sinclair and other great refiners of the oil fields of Oklahoma. Another is Port Arthur, Tex., which is a refining and export port at tidewater."

We believe that western Canada stands on the threshold of developing a condition which will ultimately rival the above, and while all interested in the development now going on and others interested in a general way are anxious to see and will welcome the influx of British and American capital to help in developing in a

Fabyan Deal Interests Wainwright

WANT TO SEE DEEP TEST— DOME IS STILL THREATENING

(Special Correspondence)

WAINWRIGHT — It is understood that Vancouver capitalists have taken over the abandoned Imperial No. 1 well, commonly called the "Mystery well," around here, at Fabyan, with 640 acres of oil leases. They intend to have this well cleaned out and deepened to a depth of around 4000 or 5000 feet.

The well originally reached a depth of about 2800 feet, and there they encountered a very heavy gas flow, of around 10,000,000 feet, with a heavy oil similar to that produced in other wells in Wainwright field.

It is understood that work is to be commenced around the first of May, under Arthur Allison. Harry Morris, formerly of Edmonton, and well known in this field, was instrumental in closing the deal between the Grattan Oil company and the Vancouver capitalists.

DOME MAKING MORE THREATS TO START

Work is still held up at the Dome well. The weather has been so severe this past week that the boys have not made any drilling progress. However, they are all now waiting for a break in the weather, and we are promised that once it does come just watch them work

large way the oil fields in Canada, let us hope that the Canadians and residents within the boundaries of this great Dominion will wake up and see that they enjoy a fair measure of the prosperity which oil conditions in western Canada present. It is a certainty that the day is not far distant when many people from outside, who have had experience and know the money-making possibilities of newly-discovered oil areas will be ready to jump into this country bringing both capital and labor. It will be a case of the same old story, "first come, first served."

GOLD COIN 840 FEET

The Gold Coin well, west of Morley on the Indian reserve, was at a depth of 840 feet on Wednesday night, according to W. W. Wilson, president of the company. Oil men believe that the Dakotas should be reached at a depth of 1650 feet. The dip is continuing to be very gentle with no signs of any faulting in the formation. A diamond drill is being used.

OKALTA RUNNING CASING

The 15 1-2-inch casing is being run at the Okalta well and late yesterday was down 1050 feet.

and see how quickly they will get cored through and the well finished.

THE ALLISON'S PARTY

Saturday, Jan. 15, was Mr. and Mrs. Art Allison's twentieth anniversary, which was celebrated by a party at their home ending up with the taking in of the regular Saturday night dance at the theatre. It is a little late with congratulations. But better late than never.

ON REFINERY WORK

George Mackenzie has arrived here from California this week to take a place on the staff of the Kling-Del Refinery

GADDING AGAIN

Frank Stevens was up in Edmonton this week.

EDMONTON PRICES

Edmonton brokers quote the following asked and bid prices for stock in central Alberta fields:

	Bid	Asked
Edmonton-Wainwright	—	.15
British Petroleums	.12 1/2	.13 1/2
Maple Leaf	—	.25
Western Consolidated	—	.25
Edmonton Royalties	—	.07
Petroleum Royalties	—	.08

Diamond Outfit Shut Down Temporarily at Dalhousie

The diamond drill at Dalhousie No. 1 well has been shut down temporarily during the present cold spell.

"The outfit has not been working as well as we expected, but we hope that we can get it running satisfactorily," J. H. McLeod, manager of the company, told The Examiner yesterday when asked regarding rumors that the drill had not been working well.

No core has been taken out yet, so it is not known whether the hole is in the limestone or not. The well is 3600 feet deep.

Richard Hudner is operating the diamond outfit under the supervision of Mr. McLeod. It was stated in error recently that M. K. Doyle was drilling superintendent at the well. Mr. Doyle is merely representing the manufacturers of the outfit which was purchased by the Dalhousie. Dalhousie No. 5 is drilling at 3115 feet and Dalhousie No. 6 is also working at 1055.

FIRST PRIZE LETTER

Awarded Prize of 1000 Shares of Stock in Mid-Valley Oil Co., Ltd. in Letter Writing Competition

822 7th Ave. West,
Calgary, Alberta,
June 28th, 1926.

Mr. John Mitchell,
Toronto, Ontario.

Dear Jack. In your letter, to hand, you ask me for information regarding the oil situation in Alberta, and my opinion as to the advisability of your investing some of your spare shekels in oil. I am answering you now by return, as things are moving pretty fast here right now and a few days' delay might spoil your chance of getting in before the rush comes. I honestly believe, Jack, that this is the chance of a lifetime and haven't the slightest hesitation in advising you to invest in Alberta oil development and to do it now while there are still a few vacancies on the ground floor.

I know your cautious nature and imagine I hear you say, at this point, "High sounding words my friend, but facts are what I am after." Well, I think I can show you that I have a solid basis for my optimism and convince you at the same time that my advice is sound, by giving you a short description of the Turner Valley field, and the development there up to the present time. I am choosing this particular field for the following reasons:

1. It has given the best production

and most promising showings, so far.

2. Development is on a wider scale and further advanced than in any of the other Alberta fields.

3. I have visited the field frequently and can speak of it from personal experience.

Now to present the facts: I'll just group them under a few main headings so as to make things as clear and concise as possible:

Turner Valley Field—

Turner Valley is situated about 40 miles south of Calgary and about 20 miles west of Okotoks. The last-named place is a town on the C. P. R. line from Calgary to Lethbridge. A charter has been granted for a railroad to the oil fields and in all probability this will soon be constructed either from Calgary or Okotoks. The little town of Black Diamond, located in the heart of the field, is the centre of activity and houses and stores of every description are rapidly springing up, to cater to the needs of the considerable population engaged in the search for oil. The Royalite Oil Co., a subsidiary of Imperial Oil, Ltd., has a large plant here for separating the gasoline from the wet gas given off from the producing wells and purifying the gas before it is piped to Calgary, where it is used extensively for power and domes-

tic purposes. An oil pipe line has also been constructed from the field to the \$4,000,000 Imperial Oil refinery in Calgary.

Producing Wells—

There are, at present, five wells actually producing oil in commercial quantities but none of these, with the exception of the Royalite No. 4 were drilled deep enough to hit the real production, as at the start of operations nobody knew just how deep we would have to go. The Royalite No. 4 was the first well to really show the tremendous possibilities of the field and to give the others a definite objective. This well has been a source of wonder to every oil expert who has visited it and is unique in the whole history of oil production. At a depth of 3740 feet such terrific pressure of gas was encountered that efforts to drill deeper had to be abandoned and great difficulty was experienced in controlling the flow. The gas given off is wet, or saturated with a practically pure naptha, which, as I mentioned before, is separated at the company's plant and yields over 500 barrels a day. The official production figures of Royalite No. 4, for the year ending May 31st, 1926, taken from the Calgary Herald of June 19th, 1926, are:

6,424,763 gallons, or approximately;
184,482 barrels of 73 degree Beaume gravity naptha.

This is the highest grade of gasoline. The well also gives off 18 or 19 million cubic feet of gas per day. These figures translated into dollars and cents look like real money. Taking the gasoline production alone, the retail price in this district is around 35 cents a gallon, so that, making ample allowance for cost of production and handling, this well makes a profit of at least \$100,000 per month, or well over \$1,000,000 per year. It has been producing at this rate for over a year, shows no signs of diminishing and can reasonably be expected to be good for another twenty years.

Wells Now Drilling—

Taking my figures from The Oil Examiner of June 19th, 1926, there are: 18 wells now drilling in Turner Valley; 9 wells building derricks or rigging up; 42 well sites located.

This with the five producers already mentioned gives a total of 74 wells that will shortly be in operation and will show you that things are moving all right. Of the wells that are now drilling I will only mention what is being done in three that are nearing the producing point, namely McLeod No. 2, Illinois and Vulcan:

McLeod No. 2 is at a depth of 3678 feet and has penetrated the same formation (dolomitic limestone) that the Royalite No. 4 is now producing from. Profiting from the trouble experienced in controlling No. 4, drilling has been halted and every possible precaution is

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being taken to cope with high pressures, before drilling the well into production.

Illinois—Practically the same remarks apply to this well as to the McLeod. The dolomite has been struck at a depth of 3662 feet and everything has been made secure before drilling deeper.

Vulcan—This is the deepest well in the field and is still carrying down 6 1-4-inch casing. I might mention here that the varying depths at which oil is found, in the same field, is explained by the fact that the rocks are bent or folded into the form of an arch, called an anticline. Some wells may be drilled right on the peak and others down the sides of the anticline. The Vulcan well is evidently well down on the slope of the arch and should, in that case, strike the heavy body of oil. There are strong indications that it is nearing the producing point and I look for it to be a real well when it does come in.

The locations of the above mentioned wells show that the field is being proven over a considerable area. McLeod No. 2 is about half a mile south of Royalite No. 4, Illinois is about half a mile west of No. 4 and Vulcan about a mile northwest of No. 4.

Capital Invested—

To give you an idea of the money invested in oil: The Oil Examiner, of June 19th, 1926, contains a list of 62 western oil companies with a total authorized capital of \$42,000,000 of which \$16,000,000 has been issued. There is also a large amount invested in leases and in other companies in the process of formation for which no figures are available.

Now I think I have given you enough facts to convince you that we have a real oil field here, with a lot of real work going on and a bunch of real money behind it. Of course I am not an oil expert and haven't been able to give you all the technical details of the subject, but development in Turner Valley has reached a point where, in my opinion, only common horse sense is needed to size up the situation and realize the possibilities ahead.

The existence of a large body of oil is proven completely, to my mind, by the bringing in of Royalite No. 4, and the conditions met with in the other wells that have reached the same formation and are now on the verge of production.

I have backed my own faith by investing all I can possibly spare and I am sure 99 per cent of the citizens of Calgary have done the same, but our financial resources are not unlimited and outside capital must come in to finish the job that we have started. This will, undoubtedly, come in a flood too, when we have brought in a few more wells, so I think, Jack, the sooner you get on the band wagon the better. If you hesitate now it may cost you a whole lot more later on. To give you an instance of what is likely to happen—\$1 par shares in one of the companies I have mentioned as near production, are now selling on the Calgary Stock Exchange around \$14.

The companies that are already in existence naturally have the choicest locations and all of their stock will increase greatly in value with the bringing in of another well, so I would earnestly advise you to invest now when your dollar will buy a dollar's worth and just watch it come back home with a few more behind it. I am,

Your sincere friend,

"ALEX. HIGGINS.

Elbow Oil Co. Sends Representative to London

With a view to securing British capital for its development program, the Elbow Oil Co., Ltd., has sent Ian McConnell-Wood to London. He left Calgary on Monday morning and was scheduled to sail on the C.P.S. Marloch, leaving St. John yesterday.

The Elbow, which is one of the most conservatively organized companies in Alberta, with authorized capitalization of \$300,000, including only 20,000 shares of promotion stock, owns 1000 acres of leases in the Moose Mountain field, which were selected by Prof. J. A. Allan, head of the department of geology at the University of Alberta.

Mr. McConnell-Wood went armed with elaborate data on the Moose Mountain field and the Alberta oil industry, including reports by Prof. Allan and E. H. Cunningham-Craig, the noted British geologist, also numerous clippings from The Oil Examiner.

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Locations of Western Wells--Latest Depths Reported -- Comment

The following wells have been shut down for the winter: Imperial (Rice Creek), Devenish Pete., Black Rock, New Valley, Montana Major, Highland.

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Company L.S.D. S.T.R.M. Depth Remarks

ACADIA VALLEY—

Fuego Oils N.E. 34-25-4-W4 2860 Drilling.

ALTARIO—

Rosebud Syndicate 5 15-33-2-W4 Spudded in.

BOW RIVER—

Imperial, No. 1 15 12-25-5-W5 5080 Drilling.

Mount Royal 36-25-5-W5 Location.

COALSPUR—

Imperial, No. 1 10 3-49-31-W5 3970 Abandoned.

COUTTS—SWEETGRASS—FOREMOST—BURDETT—

Anglo-Wainwright 4-2-11-W4 Location.

Canadian O. & R. 29-1-11-W4 2780 Heavy gas.

Devenish Pet. 5 27-5-14-W4 2330 Shut down.

Imperial-Burdett, No. 1 8-11-11-W4 3245 Drilling.

Imperial-Erickson No. 1 13 8-1-12-W4 3172 Drilling.

United 2025 Gas.

Urban 4-1-15-W4 3285 Drilling.

DRUMHELLER—

Drumheller NW 1/4 23-29-20-W4 Location.

FORT VERMILION—

Black Rock Oil Co. Ft. Vermillion 1200 Shut down.

HIGH PRAIRIE—

Prairie Oils 23-74-17-W5 2205 Suspended.

HIGH RIVER—ALDERSYDE—

High River 11 6-19-28-W4 Location.

Ranchmen's 16 13-20-29-W4 Drilling.

HIGHWOOD—

Highwood No. 1 3 36-18-3-W5 1840 Drilling.

IRMA—

Alberta Pacific N.E. 1/4 12-45-9-W4 Rigged up.

Irma Oil Dev. 16 28-45-9-W4 1600 Awaiting tools.

LESSER SLAVE LAKE—

International Oils 14-74-4-W5 1819 Underreaming.

MEDICINE HAT—

Can. O. & R. 31-13-1-W4 1894 Drilling.

Can-Am. O. & G. 6 31-13-1-W4 1315 Gas.

Community Oil W. 13 19-14-1-W4 2763 Drilling.

Med. H. Dev. Co. 19-14-1-W4 1650 Gas.

Med. H. Dev. Synd. 19-14-1-W4 1800 Gas.

Many Island O. & G. 13 34-13-2-W4 2020 Shut down.

Roth No. 1 31-12-5-W4 Gas.

Roth No. 2 17-13-6-W4 1300 Drilling.

MOOSE MOUNTAIN—

Cherokee 7-8 33-23-5-W5 1894 Shut down.

Signal Hill, No. 1 9 34-23-5-W5 2025 Shut down.

Signal Hill, No. 2 9 34-23-5-W5 674 Shut down.

MORLEY RESERVE—

Chiniki Morley Reserve Location.

Gold Coin Oils, Ltd. Morley Reserve 840 Drilling.

Reserve Morley Reserve 1877 Shut down.

Wabash Morley Reserve Drilling.

NANTON—

Imperial (Rice Creek) 4-14-2-W5 5747 Shut down.

OLDS—

Coates Syndicate 33-32-3-W5 Shut down.

PEACE RIVER—

Canadian Pet. 11-85-21-W5 2500 Shut down.

West. Provinces (Victory) 31-83-21-W5 1553 Cementing.

PIGEON LAKE—

Mutual O. & G. 14-47-27-W4 1100 Shut down.

RIBSTONE—

Advance No. 3 1 16-45-1-W4 504 Shut down.

Advance No. 4 15 32-44-1-W4 Location.

Glenbow Oils W 1/2-24-44-2-W4 Location.

Imperial, No. 1 5-45-1-W4 1980 Drilling.

Oil Producers 14-44-2-W4 Location.

Oxville O. & G. 10-45-2-W4 Location.

Pinnacle No. 1 12 20-45-1-W4 Location.

Ribstone Oils 1 1-46-1-W4 1090 Drilling.

Ribstone Pet., No. 1 10-43-3-W4 Location.

Ribstone-Wainwright 29-43-2-W4 Location.

SINCLAIR STRUCTURE—

Banner 7 34-17-3-W5 Location.

Jewel 6 34-17-3-W5 Location.

Ranger 4 6-18-2-W5 Location.

Caledonia 16 33-17-3-W5 Location.

SPRINGBANK—

Horseshoe 13 16-24-3-W5 Location.

TURNER VALLEY—

Ainsworth 20-19-2-W5 Location.

Aladdin 3 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Allegheny Oils 6 16-19-2-W5 Location.

Alert 7 31-19-2-W5 Location.

Anaconda 13 20-19-2-W5 Location.

Anglo-Dutch 8 11-20-3-W5 Location.

Angus No. 1 3 3-21-4-W5 Location.

Argyle, No. 1 1 33-20-2-W5 Location.

Big Chief, No. 1 3-4 5-20-2-W5 4150 Drilling.

British Dominion, No. 1 4 5-20-2-W5 4030 Cementing.

Bush Pet. 1 11-20-3-W5 Location.

Calmont 2 1-20-3-W5 3027 Drilling.

Canada Southern No. 1 9 1-20-3-W5 2605 Shut down.

Canada Southern No. 2 16 1-20-3-W5 Location.

Coast to Coast O. H. 8 11-20-3-W5 Location.

Cooper-Nanton, No. 1 2 7-20-2-W8 4840 Await cable.

Co-Op. O.S. 8 1-20-3-W5 Location.

Confederation 9 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Dakota No. 1 15 3-20-3-W5 Location.

Dallas, No. 1 11 20-19-2-W5 3100 Abandoned.

Dallas No. 2 11 20-19-2-W5 Location.

Dalhouse, No. 1—
(South. Alb. No. 1) 4 18-20-2-W5 3600 Shut down.

Dalhouse, No. 2—
(South. Alb. No. 2) 4 18-20-2-W5 3700 Oil, shut down.

Dalhouse, No. 3—
(Alb. South. No. 1) 10 13-20-3-W5 3345 Abandoned.

Dalhouse, No. 4—
(Alb. South. No. 2) 8 13-20-3-W5 1400 Abandoned.

Dalhouse, No. 5 16 30-19-2-W5 3115 Drilling.

Dalhouse, No. 6 10 13-20-3-W5 1055 Drilling.

Delphi 16 18-20-2-W5 Location.

Derrick 2 22-20-3-W5 Location.

Devonian 2 24-20-3-W5 Location.

Duomite 8 1-20-3-W5 1300 Shut down.

Dutch-America 14 4-19-2-W5 4327 Shut down.

Duthill No. 1 13 28-19-4-W5 Location.

Duthill No. 2 1 8-20-4-W5 Location.

Eldorado 2 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Empress 4 24-20-3-W5 Location.

Ellis Oils 13 3-20-3-W5 Location.

Glenbow 13 26-19-3-W5 Location.

Gol-conda 2 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Great West, No. 1 S.E. 1/4 7-20-2-W5 5330 Fishing.

Great West, No. 2 S.E. 1/4 7-20-2-W5 Derrick.

Home No. 1 10 20-19-2-W5 3225 Drilling.

Home No. 1A (Advance 1) 14 20-19-2-W5 3160 Shut down.

Home No. 2 (Advance 2) 14 20-19-2-W5 2095 Shut down.

Homestake 5 3-20-3-W5 Location.

Highland 5 5-20-2-W5 3020 Shut down.

Hylo 13 20-19-2-W5 Camp.

Illinois-Alberta 14 12-20-3-W5 3858 Oil.

Indiana-Alberta 8 1-20-3-W5 2774 Pumping.

Lancashire 12 3-20-3-W5 Location.

Locarno 5 5-20-2-W5 Derrick up.

Lucky Strike, No. 1 13 26-19-3-W5 Location.

McLeod, No. 1 16 1-20-3-W5 2400 Pumping.

McLeod, No. 2 16 1-20-3-W5 3786 Drilling.

Madison 8 34-20-3-W5 Derrick up.

Mammoth 2 24-20-3-W5 Location.

Mid-Valley 12 5-20-2-W5 Derrick up.

Midwest, No. 1 8 31-19-2-W5 3780 Shut down.

Midwest, No. 2 3 24-20-3-W5 3740 Shut down.

Mill City 2 34-20-3-W5 Location.

Model 8 22-20-3-W5 Location.

Mountain Oils 8 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Mount Vernon 12 34-20-3-W5 Location.

Neptune 15 4-20-3-W5 Location.

New McDougall-Segur 14 12-20-3-W8 2397 Drilling.

New York-Alberta 6 20-19-2-W5 Derrick up.

New Blk. Diamond, No. 1 1 3-20-3-W5 1500 Shut down.

New Valley 4 6-21-2-W8 1550 Shut down.

Okalta 1 1-20-3-W5 1550 Casing.

Oklahoma, No. 1 8 36-20-3-W5 Location.

Orlon 8 24-19-4-W5 Location.

Paramount 2 29-19-4-W5 Location.

Pinnacle 9 34-19-2-W5 Location.

Queen City 6 34-20-3-W8 Location.

Rainier 8 11-20-3-W5 Location.

Ranger No. 2 8 1-20-3-W5 Location.

Reco 16 22-20-3-W5 Location.

Roberta 16 19-19-2-W5 Location.

Royalite, No. 1 14 6-20-2-W5 3980 Producing.

Royalite, No. 2 11 6-20-2-W5 3175 Producing.

Royalite, No. 3 15 6-20-2-W5 2860 Shut down.

Royalite, No. 4 12 7-20-2-W5 3740 Producing.

Royalite, No. 5 13 7-20-2-W8 3527 Abandoned.

Royalite, No. 6 18 31-19-2-W8 3110 Drilling.

Royalite, No. 7 3 13-20-3-W5 Erecting.

Seneca 1 34-20-3-W5 2706 Shut down.

Sentinel 8 20-20-2-W5 Shut down.

Spooner Oils, No. 1 4 13-20-3-W8 1260 Drilling.

Spooner Oils, No. 2 24-20-3-W5 Location.

Stanmore O. & R. Co. 11 4-22-3-W5 Location.

Stockmen 1-2 27-20-3-W5 3400 Drilling.

Stockmen No. 2 (Henderson 1) 7 27-30-3-W5 Rigging up.

Titan 2 18-20-2-W5 Location.

Turvalta 13-14 5-20-2-W5 Location.

Unity Oils 15 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Vanguard 1 34-19-3-W5 Location.

Vimy 7 24-20-3-W5 Location.

Vulcan, No. 1 11 13-20-3-W5 5004 Producing.

Vulcan, No. 2 11 13-20-3-W5 Location.

Warner 1 27-20-3-W5 Location.

Wayne 7 31-19-2-W5 Location.

Western Ridge 1 11-20-3-W5 Location.

WAINWRIGHT-FABYAN—

Albion D. & P. 1 31-45-6-W4 Location.

Alert 8 11-45-7-W4 Location.

Anglo-Alberta 16 19-45-6-W4 Location.

LOCATIONS OF WESTERN WELLS — LATEST DEPTHS REPORTED — COMMENT

Baxter-Wain., No. 1	14	20-45-6-W4	....	Derrick.
Bethiehem O. & R.	11	8-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Britannia	5	29-45-6-W4	....	Location.
British Petroleum No. 1... British Petroleum, No. 2 ..	6	36-45-7-W4	2038	Gas.
British Petroleum, No. 3 ..	4	29-45-6-W4	1970	Producing.
British Petroleum, No. 3b ..	4	29-45-6-W4	2113	Gas, oil.
British Petroleum, No. 4 ..	4	29-45-6-W4	2260	Oil.
British Petroleum, No. 5 ..	4	31-45-6-W4	2240	Producing.
British-Wain., No. 1	4	22-45-6-W4	2130	Location.
British-Wain., No. 2	13	20-45-6-W4	2000	Fishing.
Emerald	8	30-45-6-W4	2400	Rigging up.
Edmonton-Wain., No. 1 ..	4	29-45-6-W4	2275	Producing.
Fabyan Pet.	8	24-45-8-W4	1100	Drilling.
Imperial No. 1 .....	..	18-45-7-W4	2730	Gas.
Imperial No. 2 .....	..	14-45-8-W4	2015	Oil Gas.
Interior .....	..	36-44-7-W4	1700	Drilling.
Manufacturers O. & R.	15	20-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Maple Leaf, No. 1	19	45-8-W4	1775	Gas.
Maple Leaf, No. 2	19	45-8-W4	....	Erecting.
Mewasin	7	30-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Mid-Canada	4	22-45-8-W4	....	Location.
Nat. Explor.	1	30-45-6-W4	....	Derrick.
Palmer Petroleum	15	29-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Ribstone-Wainwright	6	25-45-7-W4	....	Location.
Sasko-Wain. O. & G.	1	19-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Shamrock .....	..	8-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Toronto Wainwright	6	29-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Trafalgar .....	..	10-45-6-W4	....	Location.
Western Consol., No. 1 ..	8	20-45-6-W4	1400	....
Western Consol., No. 2 ..	30-45-6-W4	2333	Oil.	
Wain. Dome	7	31-45-6-W4	Drilling.
Wain. Petroleum	6	30-45-6-W4	Building.
Wainalta	4	33-45-6-W4	Location.

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SAGE CREEK—

B. C. Oil & D. Co.	Sage Creek	3250	Drilling.
Glacier Oil Co.	Sage Creek	3215	Drilling.
Empire	8 27-10-E.C.M.	5743	Fishing.
Sumas	27-19-E.C.M.	700	Shut down.

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DAUPHIN—

Agassiz, No. 1	26-23-20W	320
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GRANDVIEW—

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MAFEKING—

Ed. Doherty	12 2-43-26-W1	1640	Drilling.
Porcupine Mt., No. 1	2-3-42-26W	907

TREHERNE—

Man. Mutual O. & G.	9 34-7-10-W1	600	Drilling.
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SASKATCHEWAN

LIMERICK—

Great Plains O. & G.	29-8-3-W3	Location.
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McCLELLAN IS OKALTA
FIELD SUPERINTENDENT

Angus McClellan has taken over the duties of field supervisor at the Okalta well. W. S. Herron, vice-president of the company had been looking after the field work temporarily before Mr. McClellan was engaged.

UNITED WILL DRILL
IN NORTH OF FIELD

It has been practically decided that the United will drill in the Turner Valley this spring, in l.s.d. 2, 24-20-3-w5, a mile north of Vulcan No. 1.

IMPERIAL HIGHWOOD
DRILLING AT 1840 FEET

The Imperial Highwood well was at a depth of 1840 feet and drilling, according to the weekly field report received by T. H. Draper, vice-president and general manager of the Royalite Oil Co. Ltd. The Erickson Coulee well was at a depth of 3172 feet and drilling. No week-end reports had been received from the Burdett and Ribstone wells up to the time of going to press this morning.

SIDETRACK CALMONT BIT

The Calmont drillers have succeeded in sidetracking the lost bit at 3027 feet and are drilling past it. Later on they will try to kick it into the hole to fish it out.

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CALGARY — Arrangements have been made by William Livingston with a number of Calgary and Edmonton leaseholders of acreage in Pouce Coupe to put down a well, and a diamond rig will be taken in. The site will be close to the Imperial well.

EDMONTON — F. G. Stafford, driller at the Victory well, Peace River, reports a steady flow of light oil at 1800 feet. The well has been capped but drilling will be resumed in the spring.

IRMA — Good time is being made by the rotary at the Imperial well north of Fabyan since the roller bit has been used. There are "No Trespassing" signs up around the camp and no information can be got from the men. The general opinion is that the well is down about 1000 feet. It is also reported that the well will be finished with a standard rig.

Glenbow Describes Its Proposition in Booklet

"Glenbow Oils, Ltd. As An Investment," is the title of an interesting booklet published by that company. It contains a review of the oil situation in Alberta, more particularly in the Ribstone and Turner Valley fields where the Glenbow has drilling sites.

The Glenbow intends to drill on the Ribstone in the spring, and will have its drilling equipment on the ground by April 1. Negotiations are under way for having the first well put down by contract. Both Glenbow sites are in the vicinity of wells now being drilled, which means that the company's acreage is being proved by present development. It has leases on the Ribstone a mile from each of three wells which are under way—Imperial, Advance and Ribstone Oils.

After developing part of its Ribstone acreage the Glenbow intends to drill in the New Black Diamond section of the Turner Valley. Its lease there is 13, 3-20-3-w5, this section having been favorably reported on by J. H. Sinclair, internationally known geologist, in Dec., 1913, for United Oils Ltd. This report has since become famous on account of the prediction that production would be

reached in the dolomitic limestone, a theory that since has given Canada its greatest well in Royalite No. 4. If Sinclair was right in this respect the chances are very great that he was right in respect to this particular acreage.

The directors of the Glenbow are: S. W. Barhan, president; Harry W. Lowe, Eckville, vice-president; Frank G. Jenkins, managing director; Joseph A. Dunnigan, secretary-treasurer, and C. W. Jenkins. The booklet was printed at the Market Examiner Press, where the Western Oil Examiner is published.

GAS COMPANY TO DRILL TWO WELLS AT VIKING

Two new gas wells will be drilled in the Viking district this year by the Northwestern Utilities Co., of which the Canadian Western Light, Heat & Power Co. is a subsidiary, according to a recent announcement by C. J. Yorath, president and manager. Operations on the first well will likely be started as soon as weather conditions permit. No drilling was done in the Viking field last year by the company.

REFINERY SUES SAT. NIGHT

Alberta Refineries, Ltd., of Edmonton has commenced an action against the Toronto Saturday Night, charging defamatory libel in connection with an article by F. C. Pickwell, western representative of the company, in which he criticized the financing of the company.

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